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SUBJ: SENEGALESE-GUINEAN RELATIONS-SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: A. DAKAR 4467; B) DAKAR 4468

1. ACTING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADAMA N'DIAYE CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS SEKOU TOURE'S EFFORTS TO RAISE GUINEAN CHARGES AGAINST SENEGAL IN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE REVIEWED HISTROY OF RELATIONS, EMPHASIZING PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S REPEATED EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN EQUILIBRIUM IN FACE OF TOURE'S INCREASINGLY SHRILL ACCUSATIONS. SENGHOR HAD HOPED THAT CURRENT DISPUTE COULD BE SETTLED IN OAU CONTEXT, IF NOT IN AD HOC COMMISSION, AS EXPLAINED MOST RECENTLY IN REPLY TO QADHIFI INITIATIVE (REF A) AND AS HE REPORTEDLY INDICATED TO OAU PRESIDENT GOWAN DURING HIS RECENT TRANSIT OF DAKAR (REF B).

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2. SENEGAL IS NOW FACED WITH POSSIBILITY THAT

GUINEAN REP MAY PERSIST IN EFFORTS TO PERSUADE SC TO CONSIDER CHARGE. HOWEVER, MFA UNDERSTANDS THAT MAJORITY AFRICAN DELEGATES ARE WITHHOLDING JUDGEMENT PENDING DISCUSSIONS IN AFRICAN CAUCUS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP PRESIDENT GOWAN. SENEGAL STILL HOPEFUL THAT REASON WILL PREVAIL IN THIS FORUM AND THAT OAU MEMBERS WILL DEFUSE ISSUE, ALTHOUGH GOS DOES NOT RPT NOT DISCOUNT TOURE'S DETERMINATION AND IMPERATIVENESS OF INSTRUCTIONS HE MAY HAVE SENT GUINEAN DEL, MADAME, CISSE.

3. IF SUBJECT IS RAISED IN SC, SENGAL FULLY PREPARED TO OFFER ALL EVIDENCE, CONFIDENT IN ITS ABILITY TO PROVE ABSENCE ANTI-TOURE CULPABILITY. SHOULD SC APPOINT INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION, GOS WOULD EXTEND FULLEST COOPERATION IN PRESENTING EVIDENCE AND FACILITATING ON SPOT EXAMINATION ALL ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THEY DOUBT THAT GUINEANS WOULD ACCORD SAME FACILITIES. GOS BELIEVES SC SHOULD FORCE SEKOU TOURE TO OFFER SUCH PROOF AS HE CLAIMS IN SUPPORT OF HIS CHARGES.

4. SPEAKING FOR GOS, ACTING FOREIGN MIN HAS NOW ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT OF SENEGAL, FIRST IN HOPEFULLY PREVENTING ISSUE BEING FORMALLY RAISED IN SECURITY COUNCIL. SECONDLY, SHOULD IT BE PLACED ON AGENDA, GOS HOPES WE WILL ACCEPT THEIR ARGUMENTATION AND SUPPORT THEIR POSITION. I TOLD ADAMA N'DIAYE THAT I WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT HIS VIEWS AND REQUEST TO MY GOVT, BUT REFRAINED FROM ANTICIPATING OUR REACTION.

5. COMMENT: FROM YEARS OF WATCHING SEKOU TOURE'S WILD CHARGES FROM A DISTANCE AND LISTENING OVER PAST THREE YEARS TO SENGHOR'S EXPLANATION OF HIS PATIENT EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN STANCE OF REASON AND MODERATION, I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT TOURE'S ALLEGATIONS ARE UNREASONABLE AND UNFOUNDED. I STRONGLY HOPE AND URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT WE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP AVOID FORMAL CONFRONTATION, BUT IF ISSUE
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COMES TO A HEAD THAT WE GIVE MOST SYMPATHETIC HEARING TO SENEGAL'S DEFENSE.
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